Alden District Library
Board Meeting Minutes – Community Center
September 14, 2026 5:00 pm

Board Meeting

Members Present

Jodie Balhorn (V.P.), Dave Reck (Treasurer), Pam Esterline (Secretary), Jim Austin, Pami Sprague

Absent Maureen Clore (President), Tamie Stuart

Others Present Sue Riegler (Director), Sue Reck (FOTL)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 5:00 pm

Agenda Approval The agenda was approved

Motion made by Reck, supported by Sprague and passed unanimously

Previous Minutes

August 10, 2026 meeting minutes were approved

Motion made by Sprague supported by Reck and passed unanimously

Correspondence None

Public Comment None

Financial Report

Bills for Payment for August 2026 in the amount of $13,780.61 were approved.

Motion made by Reck, supported by Austin and passed unanimously

Director's Report Highlights:

Phyllis Senske donated $100 to be used for children's books or those concerning American History.
In August Sue presented the need to weigh and affix postage to the Book Buddies envelopes in house. The Post Master and Tamie Stuart, trustee, recommended Pitney Bowes.
Pitney Bowes has a cube we can lease for 12 months at $24.99/month plus a 5% usage fee on the postage itself (about $15 for us) per month and then it's ours and we can continue buying postage through Pitney Bowes. Payment choices for the cube are either a credit card to be kept on file for the 12 months, or ACH payment The board decided on the credit card.

Musician Nick Veine performed at the Community Center Sunday, September 30. An enthusiastic crowd of 71 people attended, which is a great turnout for us. Nick talked about and played turn of the 20th century blues music. Our next musical program will be Sunday, November 8 with Ben Traverse discussing and performing Songs of the American Rail.

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FOTL Report

Sue Reck reported that the Friends have a new slate of officers to be presented at this month's meeting. She has been president for 10 years and is happy that there are new people volunteering for leadership positions.

The program sponsored by the Torch Lake Protection Alliance was a great program but not as well attended as previous programs. The time of year may be the reason.

Action Items None

Discussion Items

The Board discussed secession planning for new members, Tami Stuart and Michael Eddy are on the ballot in November. Secession within the Board was also discussed.

Insurance update: submitted Guy Dean invoice in September for check after October 12 board meeting to meet October 31 deadline

There was a discussion of unpaid time off for the Director.

Meeting Adjourned 5:37pm

Motion made by Reck, supported by Balhorn and passed unanimously.

Pam Esterline
Secretary

Maureen Clore
President